

their difficulties were overcome, and they now nothing to do but go home, and tell their father the prosperity of their journey, while they are encouraging in themselves pleasing thoughts, they looked back, and saw Joseph's steward, and a company of men with him following hard after them. The meaning of which they could not possibly interpret. But, being conscious they had done no harm while in Egypt, they immediately stopped short, and waited till they were overtaken. The Steward, when he came up with them, began to accuse them for having robbed his master. The guilt of which was exceedingly aggravated by all the kind of evidence which had been shewn to them :—" Where is the faith he, have ye rewarded evil for good ? have ye not taken my Lord's silver cup, out of which he drinketh continually ? and by which, indeed, through some secret power, he can find out all our families, and unknown things."

At these words, they were silent, and as soon as they were silent, they argued the propriety of the impropriety of their conduct. " God forbid ! that we should do such a thing. Has not our conscience as might remove us ? Did we not bring away which we found in our hands, we were assured, and did the price of the corn which we gave you a farther proof of our contented to submit to him, upon whom you have the best of us, as accomplished our bond slaves for ever, and they know, what they would have been entailed upon their families, if their own principles